

REMARKS

After entry of this amendment, claims 1, 2, 4-8, and 12-26 are pending. Claim 4 has been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to correct an inadvertent typographical error. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1, 12-14 and 16 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as unpatentable over claims 33, 34, 38, 39 and 50-55 of U.S. Application Serial No. 10/500,967. In order to expedite prosecution, Applicants enclose herewith a terminal disclaimer believed to be in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c). Withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested in light of the terminal disclaimer.

Applicants note for the record that an Official Action (rejection) was mailed in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/018,339 on November 29, 2007 and in U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/500,967 on October 3, 2007. Copies are available in PAIR or upon request. Applicants are submitting herewith an Information Disclosure Statement citing references cited in U.S. Patent Application Serial Nos. 10/018,339 and 10/500,967.

CONCLUSION

For at least the above reasons, Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of the claims.


Accompanying this response is a petition for a two-month extension of time to and including July 7, 2008 to respond to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2008 with the required fee authorization. Applicants have also authorized the appropriate terminal disclaimer fee under 37 CFR § 1.20(d). No further fee is believed due.

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However, if any additional fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 03-2775,
under Order No. 12810-00240-US from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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